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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All Pickle Coordinators

Letter No.: 93-30

SUBJECT: DISABLED ADULT CHILD (DAC) INTERIM PROCEDURES

The enclosed interim procedures supersede those in DAC Section 6-1 through 6-2 of the Pickle Handbook. Except for updating them, the only real change is that we currently disregard the entire DAC Title II amount. They will be filed with Pickle Handbook Letter No. 11 later this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Finberg of my staff at (916) 657-0080.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

PICKLE HANDBOOK

SECTION 6 -- DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN

Effective November 1986, Section 6 of Public Law 99-643 amended the Social Security Act to include another classification of people who have potential Pickle eligibility due to their disabilities. Their eligibility is to be determined using Disabled Adult Child(ren) (DAC) - Pickle procedures, and they are to be assigned Aid Code 26, if the person is blind; Aid Code 66 if disabled.

PICKLE ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN (DAC):

To be eligible, these people must be at least 18 years of age and have previously received Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) on the basis of blindness or a disability which began before the person reached age 22. They must also:

1. Currently receive Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefits as a result of this blindness or disability.
2. Have been discontinued from SSI/SSP as a result of the individual becoming entitled on or after July 1, 1987 to Social Security child's benefits payable on the basis of a disability which began before age 22, or because of an increase in such childhood disability benefits.

These people will be treated for purposes of Title XIX as receiving benefits under this title so long as he/she would be eligible for benefits in the absence of such child's insurance benefits or such increases.

ACTIVITY FOLLOWING SSI DISCONTINUANCE:

At the time of the SSI/SSP discontinuance, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will provide these individuals with one month of extended (zero share of cost (SOC)) Medi-Cal eligibility to allow them adequate time to complete the application process at the county welfare department (CWD). When DHS is notified of the SSI/SSP discontinuance, the affected population will also be sent a Notice of Action (NOA), a SAWS 1, MC 210, MC 210B, and an MC 239C. Individuals sent an NOA and application forms will have their aid code changed to 66 during the extended eligibility period. Aid paid pending (with zero SOC) will be granted if a request for a state hearing is received timely. A copy of the beneficiary notice is included in this section.

THE DAC REPORT:

DHS will send each CWD (on a monthly basis) a DAC Report (RS-XV1017-R025) containing the names, addresses, and the amount of the current DAC - RSDI check for each DAC individual. When the CWD receives the listing, the CWD must contact each person to determine if assistance is needed in completing the application process. At the time either the forms are returned or the DAC person comes into the CWD, a Pickle type eligibility determination must be completed. A copy of the sample listing is included in this section.

P I C K L E H A N D B O O K

DAC PROCEDURES:

1. A Pickle Screening Worksheet (DHS 7020) is not required for DACs.
2. Confirm that each person meets the eligibility criteria outlined in 1 and 2 above in the "Pickle Eligibility for Disabled Adult Children" paragraph. If those criteria are met, go to item 3 below. If these criteria are not met, the person is not a DAC.

3. The DAC Title II process.

For anyone discontinued from SSI/SSP after January 1987, a Disregard Computation Worksheet (DHS 7029) is unnecessary since no adjustment is needed and the actual DAC - RSDI amount at the time of the SSI/SSP discontinuance should be the current amount reported on the DAC Report. Consequently, disregard the initial DAC amount listed on the DHS - DAC Report (RS-XV1017-R025) and any subsequent cost of living increases when completing the Pickle financial eligibility computation (DHS 7021). Verify the DAC - RSDI amount on the DAC report, by an award letter, by verification from the Social Security Administration, or viewing the check or direct deposit statement.

4. Determine whether the person meets all other Pickle income and resources eligibility requirements. If yes, he/she is to be issued a zero SOC Medi-Cal card under aid code 26 or 66. If not, he/she is not a DAC. Evaluate for regular Medi-Cal.

LONG-TERM CARE REGULATIONS:

People who are discontinued from SSI/SSP due to admission to a long-term care facility should not be included in the DAC extended eligibility process. The county must complete a regular Medi-Cal determination in accordance with Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 50153 rather than a DAC determination. At the time of the SSI discontinuance, DHS sends those in long-term care a Type 2 (Ramos) NOA. The CWD receives a separate monthly listing (including name and address) of those who have entered long-term care. Those in long-term care who are inadvertently listed as a DAC must be discontinued from the DAC Program.